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WASHINGTON LETTER.

THIS is the close of the first year of the

Twentieth Century and it seems to me

appropriate that we should pause for a

moment and look backward," said a

member of the Cabinet Monday.

"Six years ago Mr. McKinley assumed

the responsible duties of the presidency.

He was confronted by a sadly depleted

Treasury, as a result of Democratic tariff

tinkering; the prosperity of the country

was waning from similar causes; a condition

of affairs prevailed in Cuba which was

adherent to all right thinking people.

Without stopping to review the history

of those six years look at the situation

to-day."

"The Treasury is bursting with a surplus

aggregating \$581,000,000 including the

gold reserve, of which \$221,000,000 is

actually in gold coin or bullion. The

country is enjoying a prosperity never

before equalled. Affairs in Cuba are

prosperous and she will soon be a free

and independent sister republic. The

United States has demonstrated her

military prowess to an extent that has

commanded the respect of the world and

will make the Monroe Doctrine easy

of maintenance. We are the owners of a

fair land in the antipodes which will in

time become one of the most prosperous

colonies. Civil government in the Philip-

pines is being rapidly extended and

with peace will come commercial prosper-

ity such as never could have been hoped

for under Spanish rule. Everything bids

fair for the construction of the Isthmian

canal which will add to the prosperity of

our Western states."

"Under these conditions it is folly to

talk of politics in Mr. Roosevelt's elec-

tion of the members of his Cabinet. The

credit for what has been accomplished

belongs to no one man but to the Republi-

can party to which the people have con-

fided the welfare of the country. Every

true Republican realizes that and will

lend every aid to the faithful and

successful administration of those inter-

ests. Mr. Roosevelt is too noble an

American, too good a Republican, to be

thinking and scheming for the nomina-

tion in 1904 as the newspapers represent.

He will select for his official advisors

those men who are best qualified to assist

him and to administer the affairs of their

respective departments. You may rest

assured that the President's one aim is to

give the country the best possible adminis-

tration, irrespective of his own future.

Although, of course, the people will

recognize the integrity of his intentions

and he will be the only possible candi-

date in 1904."

"All this talk about Senator Hanna's

scheming to secure the nomination, and

Senator Foraker's doing the same thing,

and Governor Shaw's sacrificing his own

presidential aspirations in accepting the

Treasury portfolio you can put down as

pure nonsense. There is nothing in

them but newspaper gossip. Mr. Roose-

velt will be the next candidate of the

Republican party beyond peradventure

and it is safe to predict even at this early

date, that he will be elected."

"These statements are undoubtedly true,

but it is known that had it not been for

the Buffalo tragedy, Governor Shaw

would have stood a fair chance of secur-

ing the nomination in 1904. He is a man

of exceptional ability and has the happy

faculty of making friends wherever he

goes. He has been in Washington on

several occasions during the past few

years and all who have met him speak

new every time Mr. Coburn's friends can

find the least excuse for it.

"The statement that Secretary Long will

resign is again revived and will not down

because it is founded on fact. Secretary

Long wishes to resign and will do so

whenever he concludes that the feeling

over the Schley-Sampson controversy has

subsided sufficiently to permit of his

doing without its being said that he is

either running away from the conse-

quences of his acts or that the President

has signified disapproval of them to an

extent that has forced his resignation.

Speaking of Secretary Long, there have

been published certain mean statements

to the effect that he has not done his part

in the social duties which devolve on a

Cabinet Minister and that penuriousness

was the cause. Mr. Long is a compara-

tively poor man, and although he has

not entertained extensively, he has

undoubtedly exceeded his salary, and has

also suffered a great bereavement,

recently.

THE CARE OF CATS

A new book, entitled "Pussy Meow"

has appeared, in which the author,

Lonnie Patterson, essays to do for the cat

what "Black Beauty" did for the horse.

The story is told by the cat, and the

book contains many hints as to the proper

care and treatment of these animals.

The only reason why cats have not

been exterminated by the juvenile popu-

lation of civilized countries is that they

have retained enough of their wild in-

stincts and training to defend themselves.

Their ever-ready claws generally secure

them immunity from too pressing per-

sonal attentions, and their ability to

climb trees gives them an avenue of es-

cape from their natural enemy, the dog.

But for all that, they suffer in many

ways from the carelessness or deliberate

cruelty of the people among whom they

live. They are left in deserted houses,

without food; they are given no water to

drink—and that means that they cannot

keep themselves clean in the natural

way; and some men even think it is

fun to set their dogs on every cat they

can find. Little pains taken, as a rule

to develop their intelligence or affection,

and they are regarded for the most part

as necessary evils, unless pets.

That a cat is as intelligent as a dog, no

one who has had much to do with them can

deny. There are many instances on

record of cats which were devotedly fond

of their owners, and of late many ani-

mal trappers have successfully under-

taken to teach them tricks. If people

would only take pains to treat their own

cats well, and dispose of every homeless,

forlorn, unloved cat they see sulking

about the alleys, the cat population as a

whole would repay the trouble.

BUST AT WORKHOUSE

At the New Castle County workhouse

between 60 and 70 prisoners are now

employed daily in the machine room. The

entire force will be at work as soon as

the instruction can drill them.

An effort will be made to have the

Federal prisoners now in Trenton trans-

ferred to the workhouse in order that

William N. Boggs can be placed in

charge of the men as he has proven to be

a great help to the clothing manufacturers

and they would like to have him in the

workhouse. The workhouse meets the

requirements for government prisoners

in every way.

A week or so ago complaint was made

as to the quality of the bread served at

the institution. Trustees Hall and Cor-

DELAWARE'S FAME ABROAD

John Quill writes as follows in the

Kennebec Journal of Augusta, Me.:

Down in the State of Delaware the

people are somewhat of a quandy.

With them it is either one or two things.

They are on one side of a remarkable

scientific discovery that will startle the

entire civilized world and set the medi-

cal fraternity guessing, or they are being

hounded, and they don't hardly know

which. If the former they propose to

send the glad tidings broadcast, fill the

State with silent geniuses and work the

transformation while you wait and turn

out some finished product that will out-

live Edison's famous talking machine

and make the lightning rod agent kick

himself with envy. If, on the other

hand, the good people are being hounded

out of their birthright and their goods

and chattels, why the judge will do the

sentencing act and the whipping-post

will do the rest.

This wonderful twentieth century dis-

covery, if it can be so called, is the result

of accident rather than hard study and

experience. It seemed that in one of the

large cities of the peach State there has

been for some time a deaf and dumb man

upon whom fortune never smiled, and

when fortune knocked at his door, as

they say it always does once in a life-

time, why, the man was out and did not

hear the summons.

This man had been an object of charity

for a number of years and all kinds of

old clothing and religious tracts had been

coming his way. He had his regular

room, and was pretty sure to bob up

seemingly about so often.

For the past year or so various things

along the route have mysteriously dis-

appeared. In other words have taken upon

themselves wings and have flown away.

At last suspicion pointed its finger toward

the silent man. After several bad breaks

in trying to prove an alibi he confessed

his manifold sins and wickedness and

promised on his slate never, no, never,

to do it again or at least not to get caught

doing it again.

So they reinstated him in their good

graces and the rummage sale donations

continued to come his way again without

a skip or a break. Things went as merry

as a marriage bell for some little time.

Then something happened. Goods and

chattels disappeared as if by magic and

people slept with one eye open. The

house was combed every night to make

sure they were all in, and about the only

thing a man was sure of was what he had

on.

About this time somebody remembered

the deaf man's unsavory record in the

past and watched him. Lo, and behold,

it was not the "man with the hoe," but

the man with the slate who had fallen

from grace and who was doing a land

office business with other people's prop-

erty.

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SATURDAY MORNING
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THE TEST HOUSE

Again it is the Trustees of the Poor who are under the lime light. They started some time ago to build an Emergency Hospital in which to isolate cases of contagious diseases, and it has now become a truth a pest house. The first move was made by Williamington's Board of Health who were able to convince the Trustees of the Poor that the building should be erected by the county at Farnhurst. The "county architect," E. L. Rice, submitted plans for a building, the cost of which was not to exceed \$4,000 and a contract was awarded to David Dangel to build it for \$3,800. After the foundation walls were up and not before it was discovered that the plans called for a frame building and not brick. Then a halt was called and new specifications secured, under which Mr. Dangel proceeded to build a brick hospital for about \$6,000. This building is about complete and it is found that there are no gutters or conductors to carry off the water, the plaster is applied direct to the bricks, and that there are many other defects that altogether renders the building unfit for hospital uses.

Some, in fact a majority, of the Trustees of the Poor have announced their determination not to accept or to pay for the building, but if the contractor has followed the specification, and a man of his experience would be likely to do so, there will be no help for it, and as one of the Trustees expressed, the county will suck that test again. It is no credit to the Trustees of the Poor to be caught in this way. Not one of them would accept an architect's plans for a building in which his own money was to be invested without giving careful consideration to the matter. And surely none would be so foolish as to start building with only one copy of the specifications and that in the contractor's hands. Yet this is what they did in expending \$8,000 or more of the tax-payers money. In the argument on the case at the last meeting of the board, one of the Trustees said that the case might yet come before the Grand Jury. We certainly agree with him. Such dereliction of duty should be punished. Fortunately a majority of the Trustees will retire from public life in less than two months, and as by that time the Levy Court will be in the control of honest capable men, their successors may be expected to be better qualified to fill their places.

PRESIDENT OF THE LEVY COURT
Much speculation is being indulged in regarding the choice of a successor to John Lynn as President of the Levy Court. In the discussion, the name of Merritt N. Willis is most often heard, while we are assured that Mr. Willis is not seeking the position which he has vacated.

The accident by which a young man was seriously wounded on New Year's Eve calls attention to the danger of handling a pistol. There are too many of our young men who are known to "carry a gun," and we fear that it will take a fatal accident to break up this vicious habit. Perhaps an arrest or two and a trial before the Court of General Sessions with a possible term in the workhouse might serve as a warning.

HELD FOR PERJURY

As a sequel to the conviction of John Lynn, president of the Levy Court, one of the principal witnesses who was called on behalf of Lynn at the recent trial was taken into custody Thursday evening by Detective James P. Rallege, on a warrant charging "willful and corrupt perjury."

The man arrested is Frederick Vansant of Christiansburg, and he must answer in the upper court the accusation that his testimony tending to corroborate Lynn was false. He was arraigned before Magistrate Hollis at Wilmington and waived a hearing, his bail in the sum of \$1,000 being furnished by Dr. John C. Fahey.

The warrant against Vansant was sworn out by Detective Rallege in the office of Magistrate Hollis late Thursday afternoon. Deputy Attorney-General Richards was present at the time the warrant was prepared. Vansant was arrested early in the evening at Elmore, and was greatly surprised when informed that he was accused of perjury himself.

Walter H. Hayes appeared at the magistrate's office, and after a brief consultation advised Vansant to waive a hearing, which he did as soon as he was called for a preliminary hearing. Vansant proved one of the most important witnesses called on behalf of President Lynn at his trial. Lynn, it will be recalled, testified that he gave the \$56 which he drew from the county treasury to Lawrence M. Whiteman on Lynn's porch at Elmore, Vansant and a man named Caleb Johnson being present at the time. Vansant corroborated President Lynn as to details, saying that he called at Lynn's house sometime between October 10th and 12th, 1900, Lynn, Whiteman and Caleb Johnson being present. He heard Lynn and Whiteman have a dispute, he testified, and then saw President Lynn hand \$56 to Whiteman.

Now it is said the state has received information that warrants the present proceedings being taken to try to prove that Vansant's statement was entirely false, in that he never saw Whiteman at Lynn's house, nor witnessed the transfer of the \$56 as testified to.

ODESSA NOTES

Mr. George N. Davis was in town Monday.

Miss Neal, of Baltimore, returned home this week.

Mr. Henry S. Townsend was at home over Wednesday.

Mr. D. W. Corbit has returned from a short trip to Newark.

Mrs. Rallege, of the Levels, is visiting Mrs. William H. Ecker.

Miss Mary W. Townsend entertained a few friends Tuesday evening.

Mr. D. Clarence Aspell entertained Mr. Roger Williams part of last week.

Miss Margery Eaton, of Port Penn, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harrison Vandegrift.

Miss Mary Hutchins who has been in Maryland for some time has resumed her lessons in music.

Mr. J. Clarence Williams, of Philadelphia, who with his family has been spending the summer in Odessa, is seriously ill. Much sympathy is felt for them all by their host of friends here, coupled with hope for his speedy recovery.

The tea given by Mrs. F. B. Watkins Thursday afternoon in honor of the Misses Helen Brady and Eliza Green was a very pleasant occasion. Those present from Middletown were: Misses Mary Nowland, Helen Cochran, Susie Foard, Grace Parvis, Louise McDowell, Bertie Cochran, Louise Cochran, Justine Ethelley and Julia Lockwood; and Misses Ethel L. Mailey, Mary and Helen Townsend, Odessa.

PORT PENN WAVES

Charles Yearseley, of Baltimore, was in town this week.

Mrs. L. M. Brooks, of Odessa, is visiting C. P. Stidham.

Mr. A. Hall, of Indiana, visited his sister, Mr. W. H. Hall.

Miss Jennie Lorigan, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. John Wollen.

Miss Ida Collins entertained a party of friends on Monday evening.

Mr. Kumpel's for shoes and gun boots. Stock of general merchandise.

Martha Natt, of Chesapeake City, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. John Yearseley.

Mrs. Yearseley returned home from a week's stay with friends, Frank Yearseley and Harry Conover, Wilmington one day this week.

Mr. Yearseley, of Delaware College, is visiting with his aunt, Miss Mary Yearseley.

Mr. Tracey, of Philadelphia, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Eliza Yearseley.

Mr. Yearseley, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting with the family of Mr. Yearseley, of Philadelphia.

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BOHEMIA MANOR ITEMS

Miss Evelyn Kibler is being entertained by York friends.

Miss Elsie Berry visited Miss Maud Hagne in Elkton, on Tuesday.

Mr. Harry Rhodes has lost three valuable cows in the last three weeks.

Miss Ida Woods, of Rock Hall, Md., visited Mrs. Harry Jones last week.

Miss Mae Conner, of Middletown, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. William Boulden.

Miss Annie Jones, of Cecilton, spent last week with Mrs. Frederick Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Armstrong, of Armstrong's Corner, were Manor visitors two days last week.

Mr. William Jones is spending some time with his daughter, Mrs. George Lofland, in Chester town.

Mr. John Cleaver and sisters, Misses Mattie and Marian, spent one day this week with friends in Delaware City.

Miss Mabelle Derrickson, of Philadelphia, was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Derrickson, last week.

Misses Florence and Marguerite Barr, of Baltimore, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Donaldson, at Pivot Bridge.

A flock of wild geese pass over here every day. Bright Cleaver who has been shooting at them for over a year, has at last been successful and on Friday last killed one weighing twelve pounds.

WARWICK HAPPENINGS

Mr. Amos Merritt was in Wilmington part of last week.

Mr. Mark Manlove was a brief visitor in Wilmington Thursday.

Mrs. W. I. Lofland who has been the guest of relatives at Houston and Milford has returned home.

Mr. Harry Holden, of Chester, Pa., after spending the Holidays with his parents has returned home.

Miss Bessie W. Gunkel is spending two weeks vacation with friends and relatives in Lancaster and Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Wilson, of near Elkton, spent Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. and Mrs. Amos Wilson.

The Misses Emma Vinyard and Helen Eaton who have been the guest of friends in Wilmington and New Castle returned home this week.

Service at the M. P. Church at 7:30 o'clock. Christian Endeavor Sunday evening. Topic: "That Which Comes First." Matt. 6:33; Gen. 12:7-8; Matt. 8:22.

Miss Grace Brown has been confined to her room for several days. Thursday she was able to sit up and converse with friends. Hopes are entertained for her speedy recovery.

CECILTON SIGHTINGS

Mrs. Reilly has a very sick baby.

Mrs. Ella Pearce is visiting her husband in Philadelphia.

Mr. Preston Shallcross is the guest of relatives in Cecilton.

Mr. Artemus Messick is spending a few days in Philadelphia.

Miss Hester Ferguson is spending two weeks with her mother.

Willie Shallcross spent part of Wednesday with Cecilton friends.

Miss Clara Manlove is very sick with pneumonia at her home in town.

Lewis Cruikshank attended the Middletown dance on December 30th.

Dr. Colehour, of Philadelphia, spent Xmas with Mr. William Anthony.

Mr. William Brown and daughters, Misses Emma and Blanche, are on a visit to his parents in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. William Foster, of Chester, Pa.; Mr. Robert Shallcross, of Galena; Preston Shallcross, of Sassafras and Miss Annie Jones, of this town, spent Xmas day with their grandfather, Mr. Thomas P. Jones.

EARLEVILLE NOTES

Miss Mame Duhamell is quite sick at her home.

Mr. Ambrose Price continues very sick at his home near this place.

Mr. Thomas Dickerson moves from the Benson house to the Powell farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Aiken spent Wednesday with relatives at Warwick.

Miss Nellie Lusby, of Cecilton, was the guest of Miss Ellen Price part of last week.

Miss Emily Price, of Goldkey's College, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Price.

Mrs. Sadie Husefelt spent Xmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bennett near Cecilton.

Mr. Warner Geary moves from the farm of Mr. Joseph Powell to a farm near Betterton, Kent County.



MOTHERHOOD

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No. 2—Sorrel Mare, works anywhere, and a good comfortable driver, quiet and safe.
No. 3—Gray Mare, good, excellent worker, and with No. 3 makes a splendid team.
No. 4—Gray Mare, good, quick worker and driver.
No. 5—Brown Mare, good worker and driver, splendid blood mare.
No. 6—Sorrel Horse, good worker, quiet and safe.
No. 7—Bay Colt, coming 2 years old, fine size, quiet, out of No. 4 & 10 "Wawa". These horses are all excellent workers, trap in every place, good steady and a first-class lot.

6 Head of Cows

Selected especially for family use. This is an exceptional lot and worthy the attention of persons needing strictly first-class cows. Small, weak, or unproductive cows in this lot.

Three BROOD SOWS with Pig. One POLAND CHINA BOAR.

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TERMS OF SALE:

All sums of \$3.00 or less, Cash; on all sums over that amount a credit of 9 months will be given by purchase; rising bank note with approved endorsement, interest added. All persons giving notes to arrange for security at time of sale.

ABRAM VANDEGRIFT.

JOS. M. ARMSTRONG, Auctioneer.
WILLIAM CARPENTER, Clerk.

THIS IS TO CERTIFY TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, That Robert S. Baird, of the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, and James C. McComb, of the County of New Castle and State of Delaware, have this day entered into a limited partnership for the purpose of carrying on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in ironware and other leathers and all things thereto belonging or appertaining, and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The said partnership is to be conducted under the partnership name of Charles Baird and Company, and the general object of the partnership is to carry on the trade and business of manufacturing and dealing in ironware and other leathers and all things thereto belonging or appertaining, and by virtue of the laws of the State of Delaware, upon the terms hereinafter set forth.

The names and residence of the said partners are as follows: The general partner of the said firm is Robert S. Baird, living in the City of Wilmington, New Castle County and State of Delaware, and the special partner is James C. McComb, of the County of New Castle and State of Delaware. That the said James C. McComb, the special partner, has contributed the sum of Twenty thousand Dollars to the common stock of the said partnership.

That the said partnership is to commence on the first day of December, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and one, and is to end on the thirty-first day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and two.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have hereunto set our hands and seals at the City of Wilmington and State of Delaware, this Twenty-seventh day of November, A. D. one thousand nine hundred and one.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
In the presence of
GEO. H. HOLMES,
JAMES C. McCOMB, (Seal).
GEO. H. HOLMES, (Seal).
JAMES C. McCOMB, (Seal).

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Train Leave Middletown as follows:
North Bound—3.30, 7.30, 9.20 and 10.30 a. m.
South Bound—11.55, 9.11 and 11.50 a. m.; 3.55
and 7.55 p. m.

Mails close as follows:
Going North—7.30 a. m., 10.30 a. m., 3.55
and 7.55 p. m.
Going South—8.30 a. m., 11.40 a. m., 5.30 p. m.
For Warwick, Cecilville, Barville and Sassa-
fras—4.15 a. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JANUARY 4, 1902.

Local News.

Full line of Fresh Groceries at E. F. Ingram's.
Good Mince Meat, 4 pounds for 25 cents, at H. C. DeValinger's.
Good Prunes 5 cents lb.

H. C. DeValinger.
Try Kolb's Philadelphia Bread. For sale by H. S. Beaster & Co.
Fresh Fish and Clams daily at reasonable prices. E. F. Ingram.
Arbuckle's Coffee 2 lbs for 25 cents. H. C. DeValinger.

The latest creations of the milliner's art at moderate prices.—E. F. Ingram.
Dr. W. E. Barnard, Surgeon Dentist, office Southeast corner of Main and Scott streets.

Can inspect our goods before making a purchase, I am sure our goods will interest you. AMSTRONG.

WANTED.—Poultry and Eggs. Highest cash prices paid.—H. S. Beaster & Co., Broad and Lake Streets.

BULBS.—I have a full line of Bulbs for fall planting, first-class quality. E. J. Strickland, Middletown, Del.

Miss Susie Ford Wednesday tendered a few of her young lady friends an enjoyable tea from 3 to 5 o'clock in the afternoon.

SPECIAL SALE OF SALES at Wholesale Prices. Call and leave your orders for large or small quantities.—H. C. DeValinger.

Until further notice Middletown Public Library will be open on Tuesdays from 4 to 5.30 P. M., and on Saturdays from 3 to 5.30 P. M.

CELERY FOR SALE.—Fine Celery now ready for table use, in large or small quantities.—MIDDLETOWN GREEN HOUSES, E. J. Steele, Florist.

To save wheelwright and blacksmith bills paint your wagons, drawbars and implements with the Sherwin-Williams Water and Impervious Paint.—Sold by J. F. McWhorter & Son.

"I was chosen out of four applicants, being given the preference because I was a Goldie graduate," writes Chas. Truitt. Get the free catalogue of Goldie College, Wilmington. See adv. this paper.

We have a large assortment of Blankets and Robes which we would be glad to have you inspect before buying. Our prices are always right.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.
FOR RENT.—The dwelling on North Broad street, now occupied by Mr. William R. Reynolds. Possession given March 25th, 1902. Apply to N. J. WILLIAMS.

We guarantee the Challenge and Scientific Feed Mills to be the best on the market, to grind more grain and to be more durable, and we sell them with that understanding.

J. F. McWhorter & Son.
Those of our subscribers who change their postoffice address the first of the year are requested to notify us at once that we may be able to get their paper to them without any trouble. Be sure to give your present address.

FOR RENT.—The two dwellings on East Main street, now occupied by Messrs. William Scott and William Ginn. Possession given March 25th, 1902. Apply to Mrs. H. V. PARKS.

A pleasant dance was given at the home of Mr. Malcolm Cochran, "Cochran Grange," on Tuesday evening. The gathering was an informal one, somewhat in the nature of a surprise to the young ladies of Mr. Cochran's family, and a pleasant time was spent.

At Bethesda M. E. Church, to-morrow, the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper will be administered at 10.30 A. M. At 7.30 P. M., the pastor will preach. Subject: "On Which Side," followed by revival service. Service every evening next week except Saturday.

Bethesda Epworth League meets in the lecture room of the M. E. Church every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. Everybody is invited to attend. The topic for to-morrow evening is "That Which Comes First." Matt. 6:33; Gen. 12:7, 8; Matt. 8:22. Leader, Miss Lena V. Staats.

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of the Forest Presbyterian Church, meet every Sunday evening at 6.45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "That Which Comes First." Matt. 6:33; Gen. 12:7, 8; Matt. 8:22. Leader, Miss Lena V. Staats.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain in the post office for the week ending Dec. 29th: Ladies, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Gentlemen, Frank Black, S. E. Castle (Dead Letter), Charles Craig, Charlie Craig, Alexander Jones, Harry Wharton, Gypsy Camp, Le Baron Foundry Co.

"Woodcock's Little Game" will be presented at the Middletown Opera House Thursday evening, January 16th, by local talent. This comedy farce was given in the Odessa Hall recently and proved a great success, and the Middletown Public Library has secured the same cast to appear at their entertainment on the above named date.

While returning from the dancing class New Year's eve, Mr. John McGuire was painfully shot by one of the New Year's shooters. The ball passed through the index finger of his right hand and caused a very painful wound. Mr. McGuire does not know who did the shooting but it was without question due to carelessness on the part of someone. It is feared the wrong man may lose his finger.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, in all probability, increase the wages of its trainmen, and many other employees. It has been rumored for several days that the company was contemplating such a move. The fact that the company has closed the most prosperous year in its history, with fair prospects for a continuance of its enormous business gives credit to the reported rumor.

In honor of their cousin, Miss Anna Larimore, of Centerville, Md., Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Peterson entertained a large number of their young friends last Friday evening. The 25 couples or more who were present spent a most delightful evening. Dancing, games and other amusements were indulged in, and at a late hour the guests were invited to the dining-room, where a sumptuous repast was served.

Damon Lodge, No. 12, Knights of Pythias, has elected the following officers: C. C. Wm. A. Hukill, Jr., V. C. P. L. McWhorter; Pre. Dr. C. A. Ritchie; M. W. H. S. Beaster; K. R. & S. Jos. C. Jolls; M. G. Elliot; M. Ex. L. B. Lee; M. A. W. B. Kates; I. G. J. W. Dickinson; G. G. T. S. Fournier; Representative to Grand Lodge, H. S. Beaster. The installation of these officers by the Grand Chancellor will take place later.

A horse belonging to Robert Taylor near Townsend has evinced the human trait of revenge in quite a remarkable manner. The horse had been kicked while in its stall by another horse that had broken loose in the stable Friday. The horse that was kicked slipped its halter and walked to the stall of its assailant, paid the animal back in its own coin. It required several stitches in sewing up the cut made by the avenger's shoe.

The citizens of Middletown and vicinity will have the new privilege of hearing the well-known Rev. Dr. Sheldon Jackson in the Forest Presbyterian Church, on Friday evening, January 17th. Dr. Jackson is known as one of the most energetic and successful of the missionaries, who have labored in the extreme North-western section of our country, and the recital of his experiences in Alaska is intensely interesting. Details will be given later.

The Postmaster General and the Civil Service Commission have agreed on regulations under which rural free delivery carriers are to be covered into the classified service. The regulations were promulgated yesterday and will become effective about February 1st. The department has decided to have a paymaster in each State to attend promptly to the payment of the rural carriers. Under the new system the rural carriers in Delaware will be paid from Wilmington.

Mr. Charles DeValinger who will take possession of the National Hotel on March 25th is contemplating many improvements to the West End hotel during the coming year. Mr. DeValinger will add steam heat and bath rooms, and newly furnished the entire house. He will also erect a building at the north end of the main building which will be used as a kitchen, and with these and other improvements, the National will be one of the best equipped hotels in the State.

A defect in the chimney of the office of Messrs. J. F. McWhorter & Son caused the smoking around the stove pipe to ignite last Saturday afternoon, the Volunteer Hose Company was not long in making its appearance, but the flames had been extinguished before they arrived. The fire was discovered by Mr. W. H. Johnson, who quickly gave the alarm, and as soon as the fire whistle was blown, a large crowd gathered, but soon dispersed when they learned the fire was only a slight one.

Postmaster Jolls has just forwarded his report for the quarter ending December, 31st, 1901. The receipts of the Post office for the month of December were \$600 and for the quarter \$1,379. For the corresponding month and quarter of 1900 the receipts were \$427 and \$1,285 respectively. This is an increase of seven and a half per cent. for the quarter and nineteen per cent. for the month. The first quarter of Mr. Jolls' term, that ending September 30th, 1901, the receipts were \$1,218 showing an increase of over thirteen per cent.

The Week of Prayer will be observed by the Forest Presbyterian Church, and service will be held on every evening of next week, excepting Saturday evening, beginning at 7.30 o'clock. The subjects for prayer will be: On Monday evening, January 6th, The Vision of God in Christ; Tuesday, January 7th, Our Nation; Wednesday, January 8th, Our Churches; Thursday, January 9th, Christian Missions; Friday, January 10th, The Family and the School. On Tuesday evening, January 7th, the Rev. S. Beatie Wylie, of New Castle, will officiate. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

"THE TRIBUNE FARMER."
A strictly up-to-date farm journal of 20 pages, issued every Thursday—made absolutely for farmers and their families. Every department of agricultural industry is covered by special contributors who are leaders in their lines, and the paper is in every sense an enterprising and high class journal. Sample copies can be had by calling at THE TRANSCRIPT and TRIBUNE FARMER \$1.25 per year.

Few in Sussex Jail
There are now but fourteen prisoners in the Sussex county jail. Fourteen men, Frank Black, S. E. Castle (Dead Letter), Charles Craig, Charlie Craig, Alexander Jones, Harry Wharton, Gypsy Camp, Le Baron Foundry Co.

"Woodcock's Little Game" will be presented at the Middletown Opera House Thursday evening, January 16th, by local talent. This comedy farce was given in the Odessa Hall recently and proved a great success, and the Middletown Public Library has secured the same cast to appear at their entertainment on the above named date.

While returning from the dancing class New Year's eve, Mr. John McGuire was painfully shot by one of the New Year's shooters. The ball passed through the index finger of his right hand and caused a very painful wound. Mr. McGuire does not know who did the shooting but it was without question due to carelessness on the part of someone. It is feared the wrong man may lose his finger.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company will, in all probability, increase the wages of its trainmen, and many other employees. It has been rumored for several days that the company was contemplating such a move. The fact that the company has closed the most prosperous year in its history, with fair prospects for a continuance of its enormous business gives credit to the reported rumor.

A Certain Cure for Chills
Shake into your shoes Allen's Foot-Powder. It cures Chills, Frothiness, Damp, Sweating, Swollen feet. At all Druggists and Shoe Stores, 25 cents.

PERSONALITIES

Miss E. May Conner was a Wilmington visitor this week.

Miss Mary Maxwell visited Wilmington friends this week.

Mr. Julian Taylor, of Wilmington, was in town this week.

Mr. Frank Smith, of Dover, spent Sunday with Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Stites.

Mrs. L. C. Scott and daughter Miss Ada, were in Wilmington this week.

Mrs. Farnell, of Snow Hill, Md., is visiting her brother, Mr. J. B. Messick.

Misses Helen Smith and Florence Gill were Townsend visitors on Tuesday.

Miss Nina Gary, of New York City, is the guest of her father, Mr. J. W. Gary.

Miss Mary Hazel, of Millington, Md., is the guest of Miss Beulah Crawford near town.

Mr. Herman Conner has re-entered Golden's College where he will finish his course.

Miss Florence Moody, of State Road, visited her cousin, Recca L. Darlington this week.

Mr. R. C. Knable, of Philadelphia, was the guest of Mr. S. Burstin and family Sunday.

Messrs. Jack and Clifford Morgan, of Chesterton, Md., are guests of Mrs. W. T. Connelley.

Miss Lizzie Stretts, of Clayton, has been visiting her aunt, Mrs. Rachel Conner this week.

Miss Elsie L. Boulden, of near town, has returned home after spending the Holidays with her aunt, Mrs. D. M. McCoy, of St. Georges.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace McDannell and daughter Margaret, of Wilmington, spent a portion of the past week with her father, Mr. J. W. Gary.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Reese Parker entertained for the dance Miss Helen Ash, of Wilmington; Miss Ella and Mary Jones, Messrs. James Salsbury and Henry Jones, of Dover.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Stites entertained a number of their friends at a "heart party" at their home, Main and Broad streets, Saturday evening. Those composing the party were: Miss Maud McDaniel and Mr. Frank Smith, Dover; Mr. George N. Davis, Georgetown; Mr. Charles Matchett and Miss Harriett Matchett, Wilmington; Miss E. Raymond Lank, Philadelphia; Miss Townsend, Odessa; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Misses Helen and Daisy Naudain, Miss Dora Price, Miss Martha Heaton, Miss May Holten, Miss Sallie Cochran, Messrs. Lucian Green, Walter Beaster, Dr. R. A. Comegys, Joseph P. Comegys, W. A. Hukill, Jr., W. R. Hall, T. A. Hardcastle and F. S. Crouch.

FEARFULLY SCALDED

Harry Black and Frank Howard seriously injured by Boiling Water.

Shortly after three o'clock Thursday afternoon Harry Black and Frank Howard, two employees of the Middletown Creamery, were seriously if not fatally scalded.

There were some repairs needed to the man-hole on top of the boiler, and the two men soon completed the necessary repairs, and after the work had been done, they discovered steam escaping. They again ascended to the top of the boiler, and attempted to tighten one of the nuts, when suddenly the bolt gave way, and the steam and hot water rushed out in great force upon the workmen. Mr. Howard was knocked from the boiler to the floor and Mr. Black quickly rolled from his perilous surroundings, and also fell to the floor, a distance of about ten feet, and in doing so received several cuts and bruises about the head and body.

Unfortunately they were the only ones in the building at the time the accident occurred, and after their efforts to attract the attention of teams passing by had failed, Mr. Howard, who was dreadfully scalded about the face, chest and arms, attempted to make his way to town. He succeeded in reaching the public road, when his cries for help were heard by Mr. Harry Jones, who brought the unfortunate man to the drug store of Dr. G. B. Pearson, where his wounds were dressed.

The news of the accident spread rapidly and willing hands removed Mr. Black, who was unable to leave the building, to his home on East Main Street, where everything possible was done to relieve him of his suffering. His back and limbs were found to be badly scalded, but in his own words "he was lucky to escape with his life."

Dr. G. B. Pearson, who is attending both of the men, stated Thursday evening that it was a difficult matter to judge just how badly they were burned. Much sympathy is expressed on all sides to the unfortunate men, both of whom have resided in our town for several years.

APPROPRIATIONS HELD UP

The State Board of Education met at Dover Tuesday, with a full attendance, and took action against the employment of public school teachers in this State, who have not a teachers' certificate duly signed by the proper authorities. The board passed a resolution withholding from the Boards of Education of Milford and Harrington, the appropriations due the public schools of those towns from the State school fund of \$10,000, because of the employment by them of teachers without the proper certificates. As the holding up of the appropriations of school dividend hits directly at the salaries of the teachers, it will doubtless have the effect of causing a shake-up in the schools at this the beginning of a new year. The constitution provides, in calling for the Legislature to enact a school law, "that in such appropriation the money shall be used exclusively for the payment of teachers' salaries and the furnishing of free text books."

Many School Children are Sickly—Mother Gray's Sweet Powders for Children, used by Mother Gray, a nurse in Children's Home, New York, Break up Colds in 24 hours, cure Feverishness, Headache, Stomach Troubles, Teething Disorders, and Destroy Worms. At all Druggists, 25c. Sample mailed FREE. Address, Allen S. Olmsted, LeRoy, N. Y.

Services at Townsend

There will be service in St. Mary's Chapel, Townsend, every Sunday afternoon, during the month of January at half past three. All are cordially invited.

THE MID-HOLIDAY DANCE

It was a most exquisite ball, given last Monday night in the Middletown Opera House. The young men having the affair in hand excelled all of their previous efforts, and words of praise and approval are heard on all sides, everyone was apparently happy.

The ladies were happy because each one of them knew she was looking her very best, and every girl was sure no other girl was having a better time than she. The gentlemen were happy because the ladies were, to say nothing of the pleasing remembrance of their own mirror reflections in dress coats, low vests, patent leathers, etc., for the unfair sex was as well as the fair.

Albion's Orchestra, of Wilmington, was no mean laurels, the rendition especially of several choice selections giving music lovers, on and off the floor, a rare treat.

The orchestra was composed of five pieces, and the music was the finest ever given the Middletown dancers. The listeners could not refrain from an occasional outburst of applause, and such pronounced expressions of appreciation could but make the musicians happy.

There were many new faces observed and some of the old favorites were missing from the gay company, but the *total ensemble* was the prettiest and best seen in a Middletown ball room for years.

There was nothing lacking, not the least commendatory feature, and the mid-holiday dance was a grand success. Dancing began at nine o'clock when the ball room was well filled, but not at all crowded.

There were a great many mammas and chaperons present, forming a frame all round the room, and every daughter's mother there had reason to feel satisfied with her fair file as a ball room success.

In all there were about 75 couples present, many coming from a distance, while all of our adjoining towns were well represented. My Maryland also came in for a goodly number of the participants.

Among those present the TRANSCRIPT scribe noticed the following:

Dover.—Misses Maud McDaniel, Mary Jones, Ella Jones, Messrs. Henry Jones and James Salsbury.

Delaware City.—H. H. Clark, Georgetown.—George N. Davis, Bethlehem, Pa.—William R. Hall, St. Georges.—Norman McMullen, Millington.—Mad. R. W. Comegys, Miss Comegys.

Newark.—Dr. and Mrs. H. H. Steel, Messrs. Theodore Wolf and Dr. R. A. Comegys.

Odessa.—Dr. D. W. Lewis and George L. Townsend, Jr.

Philadelphia, Pa.—Mrs. Claude Paxon, Misses E. Raymond Lank, Laura Warren, Messrs. Allen McDowell and E. M. Yaman.

Still Pond, Md.—The Messrs Davis and Messrs. Davis.

Wilmington.—Mr. and Mrs. George B. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. John W. Morris, Mrs. H. A. Brown, Misses Helen Ash, Harriett Matchett, Miss Gillespie, Messrs. Julian S. Taylor and W. G. Jones.

Middletown.—Misses Helen and Daisy Naudain, Adda Ford, Mary Clayton, Ada Cochran, Dora Price, Mary Shallcross, Blanche Wright, Sallie Cochran, Ethel Brady, Arthur Cochran, Maria Nowland and Julia Lockwood. Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Parker, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Barnard, Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Comegys, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Stites, Mr. and Mrs. S. M. Lockwood and Mrs. J. G. Taylor. Messrs. W. H. Brady, H. S. Brady, J. P. Comegys, J. V. Beaster, Edward Beaster, Charles Crawford, Archie Crawford, F. S. Crouch, G. L. Cochran, Daniel Cochran, Julian H. Ford, Harold Green, Lucian Green, T. H. Hardcastle, W. A. Hukill, Jr., H. M. Lockwood, George D. Kelley, Jr., G. Cuthbert Peeverley, A. W. Tatman, Walter Beaster, E. R. Cochran, Jr., and Paul Messick.

Following are the names of the patronesses:

Mrs. W. R. Parker, Mrs. W. B. Biggs, Mrs. J. P. Cochran, Mrs. J. G. Taylor, Mrs. George Janvier, Mrs. F. B. Watkins, Mrs. J. C. Stites, Mrs. W. E. Barnard.

Committee of arrangements:

W. A. Hukill, Jr., G. L. Cochran; R. Louis Naudain, George L. Townsend, Jr., Harry Lockwood, Harry Brady, J. Wallace Beaster, Charles Crawford.

Floor committee:

G. L. Cochran, George L. Townsend, Jr., W. H. Brady, Harry Lockwood.

ST. GEORGES ITEMS

Mrs. J. T. White, of Odessa, is being entertained by Mrs. H. C. Dolson.

Mr. Edward Moore, of Philadelphia, is the guest of his mother, Mrs. John Moore.

Mrs. Fredus VanHekle, Sr., is very ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Carrow.

Mrs. Clark Thompson is entertaining her niece, Miss Jennie Sentman, of Fairhill, Md.

Miss Ada Gravatt, of Porter's Station, is being entertained by her aunt, Miss Maud Swain.

Mr. Harry W. Swain is being somewhat troubled with rheumatism and is unable to do his work.

Miss Annie Heiry and brother, Master Bayard, are visiting their aunt, Mrs. W. M. Smith, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Smith and little daughter, Miss Lillian, have returned to their home in Wilmington.

Miss Mary Barnett, of State Road and Miss Mabel Stewart, of New Castle, are visiting Miss Elizabeth Riley.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Collins, of Lewisville, Pa., spent a few days this week with Mr. William Paynter and daughters.

Mr. Frederic Clark and sister, Miss Daisy, spent part of the week with their aunt, Mrs. J. Armstrong, of Delaware City.

Mrs. William Mortlock and daughter, Miss Alice, of Wilmington, were New Year's guests of Mr. George Swain and family at "Clear View."

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Haman and daughter, Miss Beatrice, of State Road, spent last Saturday with her brother, Mr. H. W. Swain, at "Cherry Villa."

A Good Collection

Mr. Abram Staats, collector of taxes for Blackbird Hundred, turned over to County Comptroller G. D. Kelley, Friday morning, \$1,405.43 for the month of December. Mr. Staats has made a good record in the hundred, and the people of his hundred who gave him their support for the office have an officer whom they may feel proud of.

Sales to Take Place

THURSDAY, January 16th, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M.—Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Abram Vandegrift, one mile north of Port Penn, on the road leading from Port Penn to Delaware City. Joseph M. Armstrong, Auctioneer.

On WEDNESDAY, February 12th, 1902, at 10 o'clock A. M.—Sale of stock, farming implements etc., by Frank R. Pool, at McDonough. Jos. M. Armstrong, Auctioneer.

CURRENT PRICES

MIDDLETOWN GRAIN MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY JOHN W. JOLLS.
Wheat—No. 1.....81 Cents
No. 2.....77 Yellow, shelled 64
Timothy Seed \$2.50 "cob..... 65
Clover Seed 13c Oats..... 50

MIDDLETOWN PRODUCE MARKET.
CORRECTED WEEKLY BY W. T. CONNELLEY.
Eggs, per doz..... 25c/28
Country Butter, per lb..... 25c/28
Creamery Butter, per lb..... 33
Lard, per lb..... 10c/13
Live Chickens, per lb..... 8c/10
Potatoes, per basket..... 40c/60

Tutt's Pills

This popular remedy never fails to effectually cure
Dyspepsia, Constipation, Sick Headache, Biliousness
And ALL DISEASES arising from a Torpid Liver and Bad Digestion
The natural result is good appetite and solid flesh. Dose small, elegant, sugar coated and easy to swallow.
Take No Substitute.

Cut

We were sold out of Long Overcoats at \$10; rather than buy more we have reduced 3 lots of our \$12 Coats to \$10. Black Cheviot, Frieze and Oxford Grey.

Prices

Frieze all this season's new cut and make-up. There will be plenty of Cold weather and we have a big stock and a good assortment of all styles of Overcoats, Long Full Box, Medium Length Box and Regular Length. Regular Cut coats \$5 to \$30; long coats \$10 to \$25; Ulsters and Storm coats \$5 to \$25; Reefers \$3.50 to \$10; Boys' overcoats \$5 to \$15; Little Boys' overcoats \$4 to \$10. Latest style Black Cheviot and Thibet Sack Suits for young men, \$10, \$12 and \$15.

Long

Closed at 6 evenings except Saturdays.

Overcoats

JAS. T. MULLIN & SONS,

610th and Market, Wilmington.

REDUCTION SALE!

Boys' 2-piece Suits.

COATS AND PANTS.

Broken lines and odd lots. We have decided to close out all odds and ends in our Boys' Clothing Department. All the Suits are fresh and perfect, and strictly up-to-date in style. They are marked down simply because they are odd lots.

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| 75c Suits now | 50c. |
| 98c " " | 75c. |
| \$1.25 " " | 98c. |
| \$1.50 " " | \$1.00. |
| \$2.00 " " | \$1.45. |
| \$2.50 " " | \$1.90. |
| \$3.50 " " | \$2.45. |
| \$4.50 " " | \$3.45. |

J. B. Messick,

Cochran Block, Middletown.

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REMARKABLY LOW PRICES!

I wish to state to the people of Middletown and vicinity that I have opened an up-to-date

GROCERY and PROVISION STORE

and solicit a share of your patronage. I will keep at all times a fresh, complete line of

Fancy and Staple Groceries

Flour and Vegetables,

Salt Meats, Sausage and Serrano

Canned Goods and Spices

Fruits and Confectionery

Tobacco and Cigars

Poultry, Butter and

in fact, everything found in a First

CHAS. N. DICKEY

Opposite The New E

EAST MAIN STREET.

Middletown HARDWARE HOUSE!

(Opera House Building)

Hardware, Tinware,

Woodenware,

Agateware and House

Furnishing Goods,

Cook Stoves, Oil Stoves,

Parlor Heaters and

Cellar Heaters

Galvanized, Iron

and Tin Roofing

Mrs. Lawton's Little Dinner.

BY CAROLYN WELLS.

DO think, said Mrs. Lawton to her husband, as the door closed after their last guest, "I do think that the conversation of New York people is too trivial for anything in this world."

"But, Kitty, what do you want of other than trivial conversation? You can't expect a group of gay society people to discuss the immortality of the soul or the decadence of man when they spend an evening socially with their friends."

"I don't see why not; at any rate they might talk on some of the stirring questions of the day, and not confine their remarks to the weather and the theaters."

"Oh, my dear, I'm sure they talked on other subjects than those. Why, Bob Raymond was very entertaining and made everybody laugh."

"Yes, at those absurd jokes of his, and what other nonsense they were! Why, if they had had the slightest point to them it would have been excusable. But everybody laughed at their senselessness. When I used to live in Boston it was very different."

"It was indeed," said Mr. Lawton, with a deep sigh of satisfaction. "I'm glad I recurred from the Bostonian atmosphere and brought you to live in New York, where people may talk trivialities but don't wear out their brains trying to find out who wrote Shakespeare's works or who was the Man in the Iron Mask."

"They certainly do not," returned his wife good-humoredly; "but to-morrow night the Gillinghams are coming to dinner, and they're typical Bostonians, though they live in New York now; and really, Tom, for my sake, I wish you'd make a special endeavor to keep the tone of the conversation on a little higher plane."

"Oh, Kitty, dear, I'd do anything in my power to please you, and you know I can't—I positively can't take part in one of those transcendental conversations. My spirit is willing, but my brain is so awfully weak."

"Nonsense, Tom; your brain isn't weak at all, but you never want to exert it enough to show what a fine one you have."

"Thank you, Mrs. Lawton, for a very pretty compliment, but I fear you overrate my mentality, which is of the ordinary New York brand and would but for a sorry figure against Bostonian gray matter. Now, see here, Kit, why can't I be detained down to-morrow night and let you entertain your brainy friends alone?"

"Oh, Tom, how can you suggest such a thing? Why, don't you suppose I want to show Mary Brooks Gillingham my handsome husband? She's never seen you, and for all she knows I might have married an unrepresentative fright."

"Well, I'm glad you think me ornamental, said Tom Lawton, meekly, and I wish I could be more useful. Could you coach me a little beforehand?"

"I could, only you'd make such a mess of my instructions. You always do, even if it's only to serve the guests from the right-hand end of the platter. But, with a sudden inspiration, 'I'll tell you what I'll do—I'll give you a list of subjects to introduce, and then I'll take them up and carry on the conversation. I'll write it on a slip of paper and pin it to the tablecloth where it hangs down in front of you. Then you can merely glance downward to read it. I won't give you anything really difficult to say. Such topics as 'The Morphology of the Central Cylinder in the Angiosperms' I'll introduce myself."

"When I rather think you will! And what sort of subjects will fall to my share?"

"Oh, I'll give you 'The Altruistic Outlook from a Twentieth Century Viewpoint' or something like that. I won't tell you beforehand, because it would only muddle you up; but if you read the topic on the list you can announce it with that dignified legal air of yours, and the Gillinghams are sure to be impressed."

"And then you'll take it right up, and not leave me to flounder helplessly in the wake of my own ship?"

"Of course I will, and except for an intelligent assent now and then, you needn't speak again until there is another pause." "All right. I am game, and I hope, at least, I'll amuse you."

which betokened thoughtfulness on serious subjects.

"What is your opinion," she said, turning her beautiful eyes toward Mr. Gillingham, "of 'The Spatial Threshold of Color, and Its Dependence on Contrast Phenomena'?"

"I beg your pardon?" said the gentleman addressed, and Mrs. Lawton repeated her question.

"I—I don't think I have any opinion about it," he replied, and there was a brief silence.

"It is a book," said Mrs. Lawton, "one of the Psychological Series, but although it is very new I supposed you had read it."

No reply was made to this by either guest, although it had been addressed impartially to both, and Mrs. Lawton assumed that it was now his turn to assist in the intellectual conversation.

"Isn't it astonishing," he said, smiling blandly at Mrs. Gillingham, "how the inner circle regard moth-balls?"

"It is, indeed," returned his guest, with an animated nod of her head, "and how they can endure them is more than I understand. Why, I would rather the moth would eat all the fur I possess than have that abominable odor about."

"Yes," assented her husband, "and it is such a persistent odor."

"You may shake, you may scatter your clothes as you will. But the scent of the moth-ball will hang round them still."

"Ha, ha! that is true!" laughed Tom Lawton; "and it even hangs round furniture and rooms as well as clothing. Why I have an antique desk that I bought at an auction, but it's spoiled by the fact that somebody once put a moth-ball in one of the drawers; and though I had a Yale lock put on that drawer, and then locked it and lost the key, in certain kinds of weather that moth-ball speaks louder than words."

"Perhaps the desk was formerly owned by a degenerate who enjoyed the odor," Mrs. Lawton, by way of adrocity changing the subject. "By the way, Mary, did you like Doctor Brownson's paper on 'The Rubaiyat as a Degenerate Influence'?"

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"In the current number of 'Earnest Inquiry,'" replied her hostess. "You must have seen it."

"Yes," said her friend, "I saw the magazine, but—but I am not sure I read that article. Did you, John?"

"No," said her husband, and again there was a pause.

Mr. Lawton decided he must make another plunge.

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